

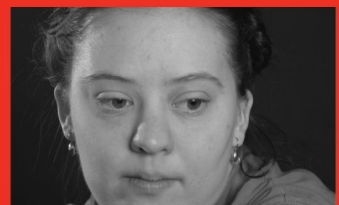
**SPREAD THE WORD
TO END THE WORD.**

www.r-word.org

**PLEDGE RESPECT
TO SHOW RESPECT**



"When people say the r-word, it really hurts my feeling and I feel bad about myself."



"You may be joking and calling your friend the R-word, but I still hear it."

BEST BUDDIES



Special Olympics

March is IDD Awareness Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				8	9	10
				15	16	17
				22	23	
25	26	27	28	29	30	

During the month of March visit Westmoreland Courthouse lobby and browse informational displays about the history of IDD, Legislation and Current Values.

PLEDGE TO END THE USE OF THE R-WORD: PLEDGE RESPECT

Check out the photography exhibit themed "I love my life, I love my family!"

ANNUAL END THE R-WORD PARTY

Saturday, March 3, 2012
Westmoreland Mall
Greensburg PA
11 a.m. ~ 5 p.m.

SEE Attachment 1

ANNUAL CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS ART, MUSIC AND FILM SHOW

Friday, March 9th
Greensburg Garden & Civic Center
951 Old Salem Rd.,
Greensburg PA
9:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

SEE Attachment 2

Special Guest Speaker Ann Forts, nationally recognized for her motivational speeches, helping people understand the up-side to down syndrome.

Panel Discussion; Individuals, Families, Advocates, Providers, and Supports Coordination join together to discuss IDD topics and answer audience questions.

SEE Attachment 3

Westmoreland County's 2nd Annual End the R-Word Party!

The word "retard(ed)" hurts millions of people with intellectual disabilities, their families and friends.

**PLEDGE
RESPECT!**

Saturday, March 3, 2012

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

WESTMORELAND MALL

Greensburg, PA

- ∂ Be one of the first to sign the 2012 "END the R-Word Banner"!
- ∂ Receive balloons, stickers or candy when you Pledge to stop using the R-Word!
 - ∂ Come out and Visit with Local Characters / Mascots
- ∂ Purchase items created by people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - ∂ Enjoy various hands on activities and a photography exhibit



COME
CELEBRATE
WITH US!!

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Awareness Month

Please mark your calendars to attend the:

FREE EVENT

Annual Creative Expressions
Art, Music and Film Show

FREE EVENT

Greensburg Garden & Civic Center

951 Old Salem Road ~ Greensburg PA 15601

March 9, 2012 ~ 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



View Artwork created by local people with IDD

Browse a Photo Gallery and watch a
video spotlighting people with IDD
and their "Modern Families"



Enjoy a concert performance by the
Community Living Care
Concert Choir and Ensemble
at 10:00am

For additional information please call 724-830-3617

Sponsored by
Westmoreland County IDD Awareness Committee

Mark Your Calendar!

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
AND
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

PROUDLY PRESENTS



Ann M. Forts



Ann Forts is a popular, nationally recognized motivational speaker and advocate for the needs and rights of people with disABILITIES, especially those with mental disabilities. The primary focus of her speeches is to help people understand that there definitely is an “UP” side to life with Down Syndrome...which she prefers to call “UP” Syndrome. Ann created the concept of “UP” Syndrome to redefine, in a positive way, the image of mental disabilities and to focus on the “ABILITY” portion of the word, disability.

Ann's favorite expression is:

"I LOVE MY LIFE!"

**Tuesday
March 27, 2012
9:00 am - 3:00 PM**

**Giannilli's II
Route 30 East,
Charter Oak,
Greensburg, PA 15601**

Lunch Provided

Agenda

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Registration/Continental Breakfast

**9:30 AM – 12 Noon Ann Forts
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Forts**

12 Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Panel Discussion

(Individuals, Families, Advocates, Providers, and Supports Coordinators join together to discuss IDD topics and answer audience questions.)

REGISTER TODAY!

You will be entered in a drawing for a family fun basket to be drawn at the end of the day.

**MUST BE PRESENT TO
WIN!**

****Online; <http://westmorelandcounty12.eventbrite.com/>
OR**

****Call; 724-830-3617**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ✓ Westmoreland County Supports Coordinators
- ✓ Self-advocates
- ✓ Family Members
- ✓ Provider Agency Staff
- ✓ HCQU staff
- ✓ Teachers
- ✓ YOU!